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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

LUSAKA FOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, UN, RH, SF, WA
SUBJ: WESTERN FIVE CONSULTATIONS ON AFRICA SC ISSUES

1. WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS MET AT CANADIAN MISSION MORNING
OF MAY 23 TO DISCUSS UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL ITEMS SUCH AS
LESOTHO, BOTSWAN, RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, AND SOUTHERN
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AFRICA.

2. FIVE AGREED, SENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS, THAT IF
DRAFT TEXTS ON LESOTHO AND BOTSWANA RESOLUTIONS (SEPTELS)
DO NOT CHANGE, THAT THEY PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT
THEM IN THE COUNCIL.

3. ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, US AND UK HAVE ALREADY NOTED TO BENIN SC PRESIDENT HOUNGAVOU (CHARGE) THAT THERE SHOULDN'T BE A SC MEETING UNLESS THERE IS PRIOR AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION. HOUNGAVOU TOLD UK CHANCELLOR BYATT THAT BENIN AND AFRICAN GROUP DO NOT WANT TO BRING UP ISSUE PREMATURELY BUT WANT PROGRESS. HOUNGAVOU SAID HE WOULD CONSULT FURTHER DURING THE SC MEETINGS ON MAY 24 AND 25.

4. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. UK SAID THAT IF COUNCIL WAS TO BE GRANTED A VOTE, THEY WOULD ASK FOR A VOTE AND VOTE AGAINST, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE COUNCIL IS NOT A STATE. US, CANADA, AND FRG SAID THAT, PENDING INSTRUCTIONS, THEY WOULD JOIN CONSENSUS TO ALLOW COUNCIL PARTICIPATION AND VOTING, BUT IF THERE WAS A VOTE ON ISSUE OF VOTING THEY WOULD REGISTER MISGIVINGS AND ABSTAIN. FRANCE WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. (USUN WAS INFORMED IN EARLY AFTERNOON THAT LOS PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE OF SRI LANKA WOULD WELCOME PARTICIPATION OF THE COUNCIL IN LOW-KEY MANNER BUT WOULD NOT BRING UP VOTING ISSUE. LATER, DURING THE MEETING, AMERASIINGHE WELCOMED THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL AND SAID THAT HE WOULD "PARTICIPATE FULLY, WITH THE RIGHT TO MAKE STATEMENTS AT ALL MEETINGS." HE DID NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF VOTING, AND THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO HIS DECISION.)

5. FIVE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MEET LATER IN THE WEEK TO DISCUSS MAPUTO CONFERENCE AND NEXT STEPS ON NAMIBIA. ALSO, FRG PERMREP VON WECHMAR AND OTHERS
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REQUESTED BRIEFING ON RESULTS OF MONDALE-VORSTER MEETINGS. BECAUSE SEVERAL KEY PEOPLE WILL NOT RETURN TO NEW YORK UNTIL LATE IN THE WEEK AND BECAUSE SC SCHEDULE IS STILL UNSETTLED, FIVE WILL HOLD STAFF-LEVEL OR AMBASSADORIAL MEETING THURSDAY MORNING AND AMBASSADORIAL MEETING FRIDAY MORNING.
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